

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Trade With China

THE community can always expect from the annual discourse of the chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce a thoughtful and balanced analysis of the Colony's commercial condition, and Mr. J. A. Blackwood's address on Monday was no exception. A clearer picture could hardly be drawn.

From it, Hongkong traders and industrialists can draw inspiration and some lessons. Yet in truth it was a speech which needs to be studied and appreciated overseas, particularly by those people who are prone to regard Hongkong as just an unnecessary geographical feature of Asia.

They could, for example, give due consideration to the remarkably steady cost of living index which the Colony enjoys, and ponder on what that means. Amongst other things it signifies that some two and a half million people (99 per cent of them Chinese, the vast majority being politically non-Communist) know they can maintain a regular standard of living; that the purchasing value of the Hongkong dollar remains constant.

THAT in itself is no mean achievement; it is enhanced by the knowledge that it has been realised under the most adverse trading conditions. The UN embargo has crippled Hongkong's traditional entrepot trade with China, and, unaided, the Colony has had to correct the situation by its industrial development. It is to be wondered that Hongkong businessmen view the outlook with concern. They see Soviet Russia trading with the West in a wide range of commodities, many of which find their way to China through the iron curtain—commodities which can be handled here more expeditiously and to the greater advantage of everyone concerned.

They are being denied this perfectly legitimate trade largely because American "opinion" refuses to make any differentiation between strategic items and consumer goods destined for China. The effect upon China is, as Mr. Blackwood trenchantly pointed out, that she has to look elsewhere for goods which Hongkong could supply to her now. And the only beneficiaries are Russia and the satellites.

HONGKONG isn't asking for any special trading concessions. There is no suggestion that the entire UN strategic controls should be immediately lifted. But we are entitled to a logical application of restrictions. If it is acceptable that the Western democracies be allowed to trade in certain commodities with Russia and other European Communist countries, then they should be permitted to do so with China.

It is a pity that those who so emphatically demand the throttling of trade with China through Hongkong fail to appreciate that today the Colony is keeping economically contented and politically friendly between two and three million Chinese. That is a positive contribution towards the furtherance of Democracy and we ask, why should it be jeopardised by a policy of imposed restrictions, illogical as well as unrealistic?

Like Mr. Blackwood, the Colony awaits with some impatience the outcome of the promised reconsideration of the schedules by the Co-ordinating Committee on Trade. The sooner those with China are brought into line with those pertaining to Russia, the better for everyone.

LONDON ASKS U.S.—WHY?

Envoy's Statement On Cyprus Shocks The Foreign Office 'Please Explain' Demand Sent To Washington

London, Mar. 13.

A shocked Foreign Office announced tonight it would ask the United States why its Athens Ambassador expressed "sympathetic concern" to the Greek Government today over the deportation of Archbishop Makarios from Cyprus.

France-Presse said it was understood that the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden had personally asked for the explanation.

Official British sources were deeply disturbed by the American Ambassador's statement.

The Foreign Office statement read: "Instructions have been sent to Her Majesty's Ambassador in Washington to ask the State Department for an explanation in Athens this afternoon."

"This statement is reported to have set out the views of the Cyprus problem conveyed to the Greek Foreign Minister by the United States Ambassador."

The United States Embassy in Athens announced earlier that Mr. Cavendish Cannon, the Ambassador, had called on the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Spiros Theotokis, and "took the occasion to express the sympathetic concern of the United States Government and the American people" for "recent developments in Cyprus."

Authoritative sources in London said the American Embassy statement contained "unkind remarks" about British policy in Cyprus and "belittled" the differences of opinion existing between the British authorities and Archbishop Makarios, on the political future of Cyprus.

It also suggests that the United States may be more critical of recent British policy in Cyprus than hitherto believed.

It had been assumed in diplomatic quarters in London that the United States fully understood Britain's difficulties and would make no move likely to complicate her task.

Now officials believe the United States may be planning some positive intervention in the dispute—a belief not diminished by tonight's Washington statement that the United States has urged Britain and some unidentified Cyprus to renew negotiations for a settlement.

These United States moves may be a talking point when the Labour Party attacks Sir Anthony Eden's Government on Cyprus in the House of Commons debate tomorrow.

Diplomatic quarters said the British decision to deport Archbishop Makarios was not communicated in advance to the United States Government as the matter was regarded as a purely internal responsibility.

Not Taking Sides
Washington, Mar. 13.
United States policy in the Cyprus dispute is still not to take sides with any of the parties concerned and to "try to be helpful to all in the role of an interested spectator."

That is how officials tonight summed up the situation which has become more and more confused in the last 24 hours, after widely differing interpretations, and misinterpretations, of the State Department's official reaction yesterday to the deportation of Archbishop Makarios.

NICOSIA IS STRIKE-BOUND

Nicosia, Mar. 13.
Gangs of youths roamed Nicosia streets today, entering a shopkeepers' strike in defiance of strict British security orders.

All shops, building projects, restaurants, bars and printing shops were closed throughout the city and terrorist warnings went out to all taxi drivers: "stay off the streets tomorrow."

Streets Deserted
Three minor demonstrations occurred during the day but were broken up by baton-wielding police. The streets were almost deserted with all the shops barred and shuttered.

The only exception was the Turkish quarter, where business went on as usual.

Gangs of youths roamed through the streets in the morning, warning all shopkeepers to close down or face the consequences of terrorist action.

Under the emergency regulations, all streets except legitimate trade union disputes have been banned, but the terrorist warnings were more effective.

The strikes were scheduled to last one week in protest against the deportation of Archbishop Makarios.

George Straight Limassol, correspondent of the Greek newspaper Philoetheros, was yesterday fined £70 when convicted of publishing a "report likely to cause alarm and despondency."

The charge was under the emergency regulations and referred to publication of an alleged Eoka leaflet about a British soldier, Corporal Gordon Hill, suggesting he was an Eoka hostage.

Strike In Athens
Athens, Mar. 13.
Greek workers have decided on a four-hour general strike on Friday to protest against the deportation of Archbishop Makarios from Cyprus.

The strike, timed to start at six o'clock in the morning local time, will be total except on

WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR LOST BRITON

Tokyo, Mar. 14.
A widespread search began today for a British businessman missing in the rugged, snow-covered ski country of north central Honshu, Japan's main island.

He is Mr. William Clarke, 35, sales promotion officer for BOAC in Tokyo.

He has been missing since Monday night.

Mr. George Denny, BOAC manager for Japan, said a three-pronged search was launched today. — United Press.

Permanent US Base On Antarctica Possible

Washington, Mar. 13.

The United States is considering making territorial claims on Antarctica.

Rear-Admiral H. Byrd made this announcement at a press conference in the Defence Department. He had just returned to Washington from the expedition to Antarctica.

He was asked if the United States intended making any claims on Antarctica. He replied: "I'm going to have a talk on that subject over at the State Department not before too long."

'WE OPENED UP...'

In the meantime, the United States would make no claims, recognize no claim and reserve the right to claim any part of Antarctica on the basis of exploration, discovery or delineation of coast.

Admiral Byrd also indicated that the United States might maintain a permanent base at least one of the four or five bases it was establishing in Antarctica in connection with the International Geophysical Year (1957-58).

With regard to the prospect of permanent habitation of the hitherto unpopulated Antarctica continent, Admiral Byrd said: "I claim that this year we opened up a new continent on the face of the earth."

"Our base on McMurdo Sound, the average wind is 15 to 20 mph and Scott's (the British explorer's) hut which was put down in 1902 is filled, but not covered with snow."

"I think that is a remarkable fact in a continent with an ice age going on."

STAYING OVER WINTER

"We have built our buildings nearby for the 92 men we are leaving there over the winter and I don't believe these buildings will ever be covered with snow."

"In other words it can be a permanent base," he said, and I want to emphasize this, that the United States is putting down a permanent base. That would not be a popular statement if I did."

"I think it could be a base, but the people would be rotated every year or so."

"I don't think the Antarctic continent will ever again be the lonely continent it was before we started this exploration." — Reuter.

British View

United Nations, Mar. 13.
A spokesman for the British delegation to the United Nations said tonight that a discussion of Cyprus was outside the competence of the U.N.

He was referring to the Greek request, handed to the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, earlier today, that the General Assembly should discuss the Cyprus problem this autumn.

The British spokesman said the Assembly itself had made this ruling when Greece brought the matter up during the last Assembly session.

Mr. Krishna Menon, India's United Nations delegate, said today Cyprus ought first to achieve its independence before being linked with any other country. — All agencies.

STOP PRESS

Makins Visits State Dept

Washington, Mar. 13.
Sir Roger Makins, the British Ambassador, tonight asked the United States for clarification on its attitude towards the Cyprus crisis.

The State Department announced tonight. — Reuter.

HUSSEIN PLANNED 'TO JORDANISE' LEGION—GLUBB

London, Mar. 13.

Sir John Glubb—former Commander of the Arab Legion—disclosed tonight that on the day before his dismissal he had discussed with King Hussein a detailed plan for handing over of the legion to Jordanians.

Speaking on a BBC feature he said: "We have always considered that this hand-over of the command of the Arab Legion was inevitable."

Sir John added: "It was the timing that was in question."

Britons Still Needed

"The Arab Legion has not been formed long enough, we thought, to produce really senior officers, and we were anxious to have another four or five years during which this hand-over could be deliberately carried out."

"This all happened rather more quickly than we anticipated."

"I should think the best way out of it is to agree to Jordanians commanding the Army, but I am sure they will still be in need of British officers as technical officers and trainers, and other jobs of that kind."

"I think we shall be able to get a reasonable agreement with them which I hope will maintain the efficiency of the Arab Legion in the future."

Sir John Glubb said he did not really know the reasons for the King's action against him. — Reuter.

Talks in Amman

Amman, Mar. 13.
The British Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Charles Duke, today discussed with the Prime Minister, Samir Rifai, future Anglo-Jordanian relations following the dismissal of General Sir John Glubb and other British officers from the Arab Legion.

Sir John Glubb, former British Ambassador to Jordan, was due here tonight from London with a special message from the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden. — Reuter.

Polio Epidemic

Johannesburg, Mar. 13.
Polio has reached epidemic proportions in Johannesburg, where 45 cases have been confirmed since the beginning of the month. — Reuter.

FEWER MEMBERS

Vice-President Alexander Rankovic, disclosed that the party—654,669 strong at the end of 1954—had 624,800 members at the end of last year while at the end of this year it was 614,000. — Reuter.

Tito Plans Tighter Control In Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Mar. 13.

President Tito today said that Yugoslav youth must be protected from a deluge of "Western destructive ideas and influences." In a speech regarded by foreign observers as presaging tightening of Communist Party control throughout the country.

Addressing the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist party, who held their first meeting for 15 months, the President, as Secretary-General of the party, said the situation with youth was not rosy. "We have somehow lost our grip on our youth."

It was a mistake to think that young people by joining football and other sporting clubs would automatically become socialist citizens.

"Countries with a capitalist system also have such clubs—yet is a socialist conscience up-pressed in them?" he asked.

OUR TASK

He said it was the task of Communists "to snatch young people out of the hands of various reactionary residues to protect them from a deluge of different Western destructive ideas and influences which are infiltrating into our social life."

Despite a correct line in democratisation of the country, he said, certain "ideas and influences foreign to us began to be felt and are still being felt in a stronger fashion in our country."

This slowed down the development of socialism.

To combat this, President Tito appealed for a "monolithic unity of thought and action of all party members."

He said every party member must act as "an internationalist"—a phrase which observers said had not been commonly employed in Communist terminology here during the years of estrangement from the Soviet Union.

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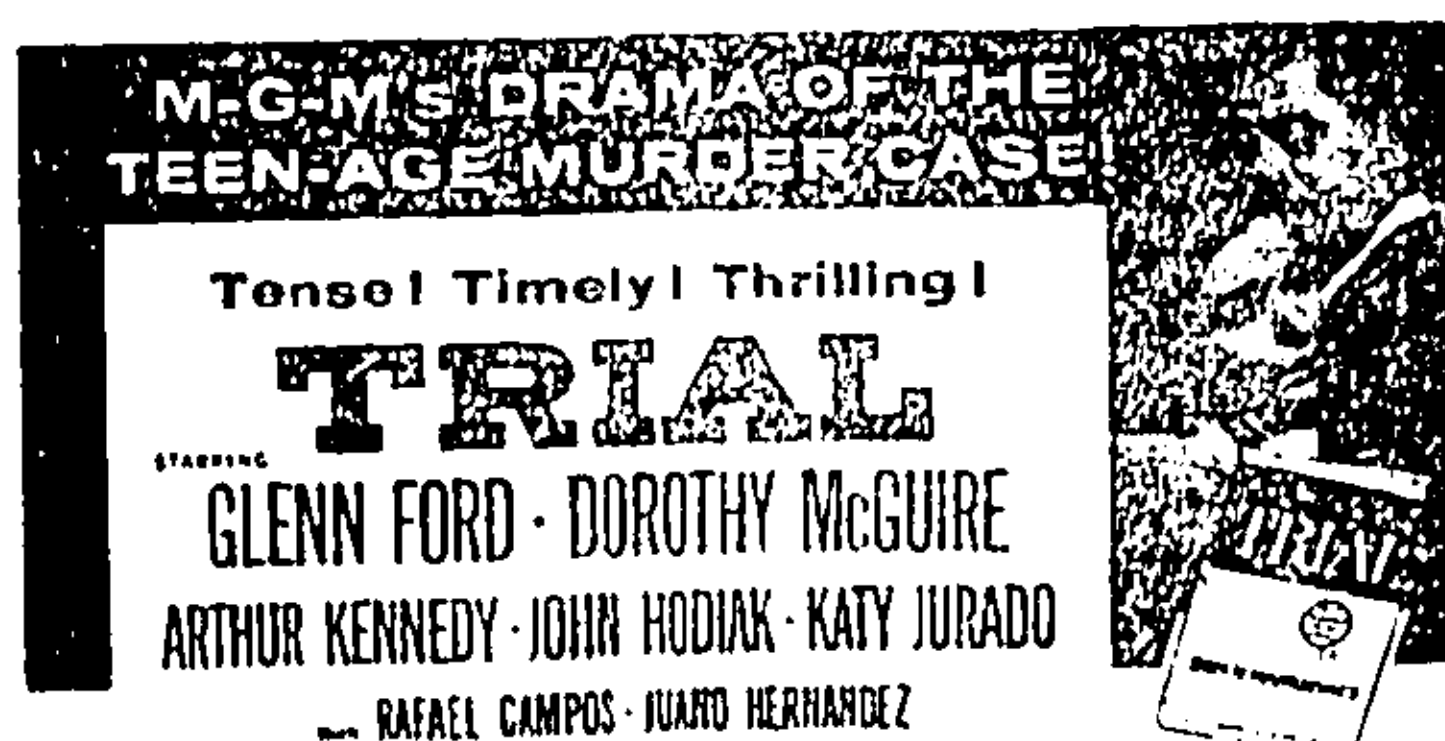
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Sultan Back In Morocco



Landing at Rabat Airport last week following a visit to Paris, where he attended Franco-Moroccan negotiations, is Morocco's Sultan Mohammed V. Picture shows him saluting the flag. Times are still troublesome in Rabat — at least 50 Moroccans are said to have been killed last week during clashes between police and nationalists in the Spanish zone. — Express Photo.

Pakistan Republic Bill Passed

London, Mar. 13.

The Pakistan Republic Bill received a second and third reading in the House of Commons this afternoon. It now remains to be approved by the Lords before becoming law.

The bill embodies measures consequential upon the introduction of the new constitution in Pakistan, under which Pakistan will become a republic within the Commonwealth.

Moving the second reading, Commander Allan Noble, Parliamentary Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, said that Britain would continue to co-operate with Pakistan after it

became a republic, just as before.

He added that it was important that the day to day relationship between the two countries should be unaltered and that the rights and privileges which Pakistan and her people enjoyed under the law of the United Kingdom should be maintained. The bill, he said, provides for this.

Polish Red Dies

Soviet Leaders Form Guard Of Honour

London, Mar. 13.
Top Soviet leaders, headed by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, today formed a guard of honour round the bier of Mr. Boleslaw Bierut, Polish Communist Party chief, 63, who died in Moscow last night, Moscow radio reported.

The guard at the Trade Union Hall of Columns, where Mr. Bierut's body lay in state on a catafalque banked by flowers and flags, was provided by members of the Presidium and the secretariat of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party.

His body will be flown probably tomorrow to Warsaw, where it will lie in state in the building of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party. — Reuter.

STUNT PILOTS KILLED

Strasbourg, Mar. 13.
Four Canadian pilots who were killed in a four-plane crash near here this month were rehearsing acrobatics for an air show in Rome, investigators disclosed today.

The fliers, all crack stunt men, were diving in close formation when one plane, grazed another and caused the four planes to explode. The investigators said. — France Press.

PLANE FOR PLANE IDEA IS WRONG

"Tremendous Deterrent
Power Is Fundamental"

Washington, Mar. 13.

Secretary of Defence Charles E. Wilson today attacked the idea of matching "potential enemies plane for plane, man for man, or ship for ship."

"Our own defence needs must be governed by far more than Soviet statistics," Mr. Wilson said. "The real fundamental is the tremendous deterrent power in military forces today."

"We have today and we will have for the foreseeable future the capability of inflicting vast destruction upon any aggressor anywhere in the world. This capability cannot be thwarted."

Expected Needs

Mr. Wilson said in a speech prepared for a National Press Club luncheon that "We have shifted the defence effort away from arbitrary, unrealistic, short-range goals to long-range objectives adjusted to expected needs."

"It would be a serious error to return to policies that inflate our defence requirements today and collapse them tomorrow," he said.

"More specifically, we should not race far ahead today in aircraft production, only to close down the plants tomorrow or so reduce their production that they would importantly lose their competent and efficient organizations."

Lagging Behind

Mr. Wilson's remarks were in answer to Congressional critics who have contended the United States should speed up jet intercontinental bomber production to meet the threat of growing Soviet air power.

Critics also contend the United States is lagging behind Russia in development of long-range ballistic missiles. — United Press.

India Plans Big Welcome For Mountbatten



Earl Mountbatten

New Delhi, Mar. 13.

The Indian Government is going out of its way to give a special welcome to Earl Mountbatten of Burma, due here tomorrow on a week's visit to India.

As the last Viceroy, he handed over power to Indian hands in 1947 and subsequently became the first Governor-General of an independent India. Indians are hoping for a big turnout which will show the Western world that they do not reserve their enthusiastic welcomes for Communist leaders only.

Loud-speakers were toured Delhi today calling on citizens to take up their positions in good time at the airport and along the streets through which Lord Mountbatten will drive with Lady Mountbatten to the residence of Dr. R. Prasad, the Indian President. — Reuter.

Sunburned Pineapples

Grahamstown, Mar. 13.
Research is being conducted in Zululand to try to make pineapples ripen before the height of summer, so that they can be grown without becoming sunburned. Mr. L. J. van Lelyveld, of the Bahurst Agricultural Research Station in Grahamstown, said that if the research is successful Zululand may become South Africa's chief pineapple producing area.

At present the fierce summer heat ruins the pineapple at harvest time. — China Mail Special.

Molotov Sees E. German Envoy

Moscow, Mar. 13.
Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, today had a "long" talk with Herr Johannes Koonig, the East German Ambassador, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported. The agency gave no details of the discussions. — Reuter.

GRONCHI CONFINED TO BED

New York, Mar. 13.
President Gronchi of Italy was confined to bed with a cold today and had to cancel a scheduled visit to the National Atomic Laboratory at Brookhaven on Long Island.

The cold, accompanied by a slight fever, was believed to have been contracted while the President was riding a bicycle in an open car in a Broadway parade in his honour yesterday.

Other members of his official party, including Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino, made the trip to the laboratory.

President Gronchi is due to end his official visit to the United States tomorrow afternoon when he leaves for Rome by air. — Reuter.

Britons Read More

New York, Mar. 13.
The British read more newspapers in 1954 than anyone else in the world but used up less than half the amount of newspaper consumed in the United States. The United Nations disclosed today.

The 1955 UN statistical yearbook published here showed that there were 570 copies of daily newspapers published for every 1,000 Britons, compared to 459 copies in Sweden, 436 in Norway, 408 in Australia, 400 in Japan and 339 in the United States. — China Mail Special.

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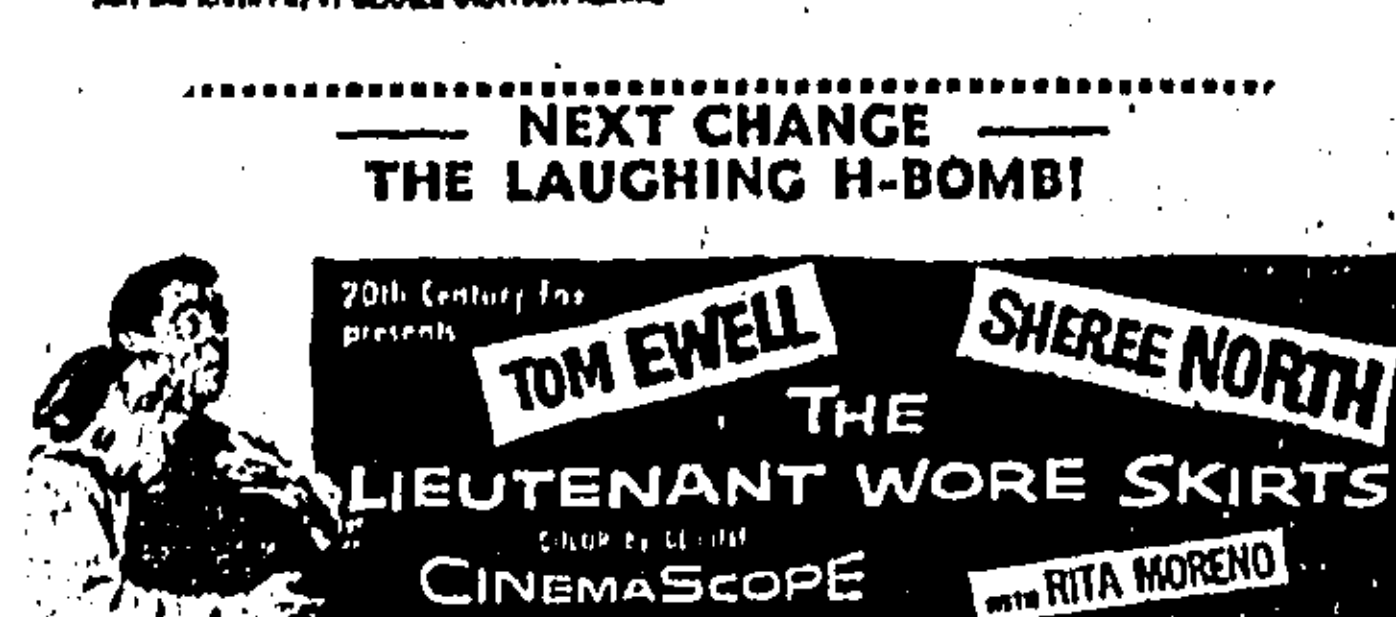
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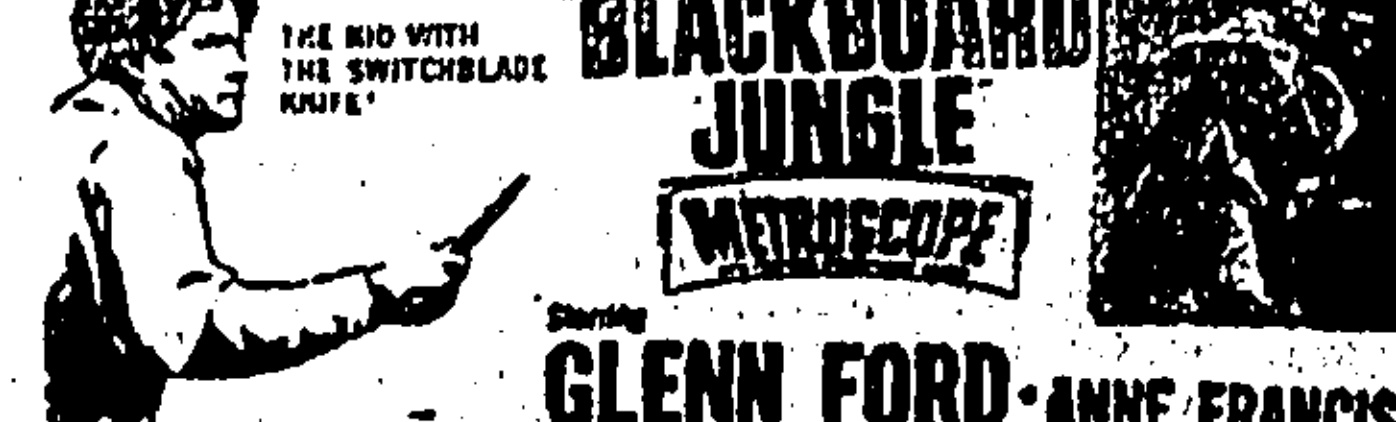


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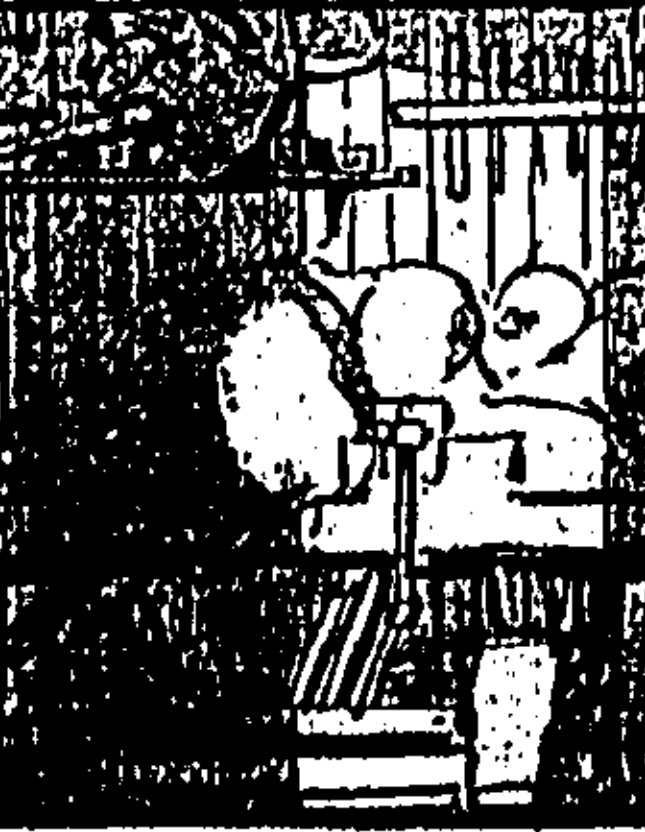
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EARL ALEXANDER VISITS CANADA:

Don't Let Middle East Explode

Buenos Aires Badly Hit By Floods

Buenos Aires, Mar. 13. THE southern part of Buenos Aires state has been badly hit by floods, following 48 hours of torrential rain.

All railroads northeast of Bahia Blanca are cut and many villages are isolated by the floodwaters.

Hundreds of head of cattle have been drowned and in many localities, villagers have been forced to seek safety on the roofs of their homes while awaiting rescue.

The Navy has sent seaplanes to help in the rescue work, although there has been a heavy toll of livestock, a loss of life has been reported.—France-Press.

SNOW IN ITALY

Rome, Mar. 13. Continued snowstorms have cut off many communities in Central Italy, the worst hit being the little village of Castelluccio Di Norcia in Umbria. There a wall of snow more than 15 feet high has completely isolated the inhabitants.

In Chieti province in the Abruzzo region, 99 of 102 communities have been cut off and rescue teams composed of military personnel and civilian volunteers have been formed in an attempt to get food, medical supplies and clothes to the villagers.

During today the thermometer never rose above minus 12 degrees Centigrade, the lowest ever recorded in the peninsula.—France-Press.

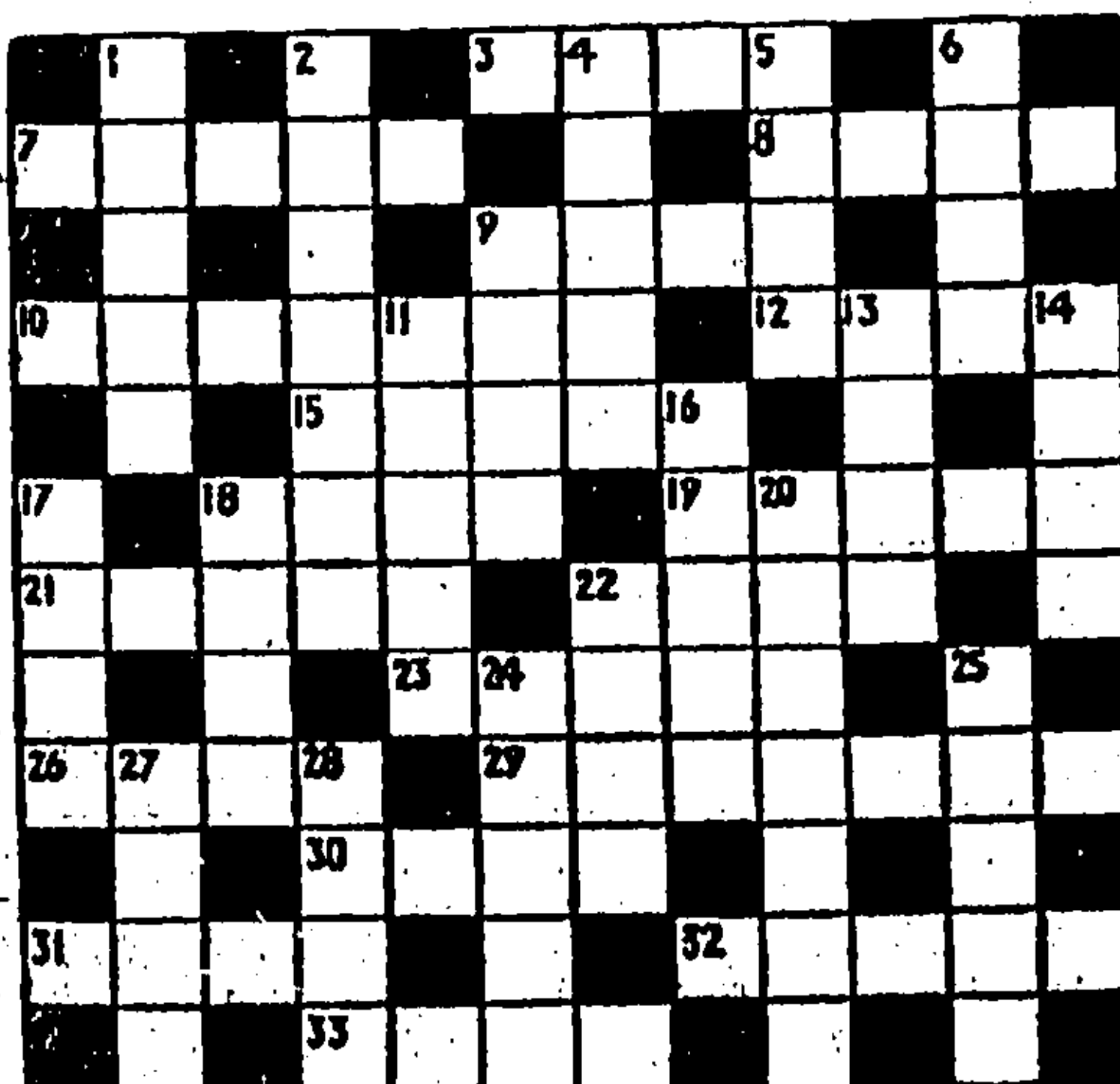
NATO FORCES TO EXERCISE OFF GREECE

Naples, Mar. 13. The Southern European forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation will hold manoeuvres in Greek waters for four days, beginning on Saturday, NATO headquarters announced tonight.

The manoeuvres, first of the year, will consist of a combined submarine and jet bombing attack on battleships of the United States Navy.

British Canberra jet bombers will be used in the attack.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Past (4).
- 7 Indefinite (5).
- 8 Sign (4).
- 9 Bang (4).
- 10 Advance in rank (7).
- 12 Conspiracy (4).
- 13 Angry (5).
- 14 Expensive (4).
- 19 Appointments (5).
- 21 Have confidence in (5).
- 22 Platter (4).
- 23 Sends out (8).
- 24 Insects (4).
- 25 Appoints (7).
- 30 Smelly (4).
- 31 Operatic song (4).
- 32 Scatter (5).
- 33 Repose (4).

DOWN

- 1 Ward off (6).
- 2 Mock-ups (7).
- 4 Manservant (5).
- 5 Frolic (4).
- 6 Nought (4).
- 8 Heavenly body (4).
- 11 Speak (5).
- 13 Strip of wood (4).
- 14 Throw up (4).
- 16 Prepares for press (5).
- 17 Wound (4).
- 18 American top (4).
- 20 Helpe (7).
- 22 Flat plain (4).
- 24 Domestic (5).
- 25 Rage (5).
- 27 Goes wrong (4).
- 28 Blemlah (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Affirm, 7 Ibis, 9 Crucial, 10 Denon, 11 Urge, 13 Improbable, 15 Adda, 16 Spas, 19 Considered, 22 Earl, 24 Liver, 25 Erase, 28 Rude, 29 Seltzer, 30 Dwarf, 31 Trump, 32 Jello, 34 Medal, 35 Stimulate, 36 Ribs, 38 Bored, 39 Eased, 40 Issue, 41 Resolved, 42 Acrid, 43 Unhappy, 44 Dread, 45 Repeat, 46 Alumn.

VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE WEST

Montreal, Mar. 13. The West must do everything possible to prevent the Middle Eastern "powder keg" from exploding, Earl Alexander of Tunis said on his arrival from London today.

Rights Of Pathans

Pakistan Endangering Peace

New Delhi, Mar. 13. The Afghan Foreign Minister has said Pakistan's refusal to recognise the rights of Pathans on the Pakistan-Afghan border "will endanger world peace."

The announcement according to an Afghan Embassy press release here said South-east Asian Treaty Organisation policy was against the welfare of the region and an interference with the rights of Pathans which complicated existing tensions.

The statement said Afghanistan would continue to withhold recognition from the Durand Line unless the Pakistan issue was satisfactorily settled.

Foreign ministers of the eight SEATO nations said in a communiqué issued after their Karachi talks last week that they recognise the Durand Line as Pakistan's frontier with Afghanistan.—Reuter.

Sultan Invited To Madrid

Rabat, Mar. 13. The Spanish Government has invited the Sultan of Morocco, Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, to visit Madrid, it was learned from official sources here today.

The invitation was made during a talk between the Moroccan Premier, Si Bekkai, and the Spanish Consul-General, M. Alcover.

Si Bekkai passed on the invitation to the Sultan, but no reply has yet been made.—France-Press.

NATO Strong Enough When Germany Armed

Ottawa, Mar. 13. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is not yet strong enough to defend Western Europe, General Alfred Gruenther, Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, told the Canadian Club here today.

"The Soviet aggression of power is the strongest in peace-time in the history of the world," he said.

When Germany was armed, in another three or four years NATO would be able to prevent the overwhelming of Western Europe, the General added. In the meantime, however, Europe was not at the mercy of a Soviet attack. Even if Russia could overrun Europe it would lose the war because of the West's offensive air power.—Reuter.

Eden Not Going To Paris

London, Mar. 13. It was authoritatively stated here today that Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, had no immediate plans to go to Paris to return the visit made to London last weekend by M. Mollet, the French Premier.

Possibility of a visit to Paris by Sir Anthony had been reported from Paris today.—Reuter.

Paris, Mar. 13. Thieves last night stole a police van from in front of the Paris famous Cherche Midi military prison, it was announced today.

The announcement said the van had been empty when stolen.—France-Press.

European Integration

Brussels, Mar. 13. M. Paul-Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, tonight described new integration.

He asked the Common Assembly of the six-nation coal and steel pool to support the atomic energy pool project known as "Euratom", and a plan for a common market free of internal customs duties and trade restrictions.

M. Spaak announced that the six foreign ministers would be able to meet late in May to make a final decision on the plans before the drafting and signing of a treaty.

Spells Doom

But he warned that to give preference to another atomic integration plan would mean that "our fight for a United Europe" would immediately become an internal squabble.

"After failure to achieve economic union it would doom us," he said.

The 78 members of the West European parliament, who were meeting in the Belgian Senate House.—Reuter.

American Churchmen See Russian Archbishop

Moscow, Mar. 13. A GROUP of nine American churchmen began talks here today with Archbishop Nikolai, of the Russian Orthodox Church, on the possibilities of co-operation between the Russian and American churches in the cause of peace.

Archbishop Nikolai represented Patriarch Alexius, head of the Russian Orthodox Church. The Americans handed the Archbishop a statement saying the United States Protestant churches considered it was an urgent necessity to reduce armaments and to work for the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

UNAVOIDABLE

The statement added that until there was trustworthy international control of armaments, it was unavoidable that the United States should maintain "adequate military establishment."

It strongly criticised the World Peace Council, of which the Russian Orthodox Church is a member, for its "inaccurate" charges that American churches were controlled by millionaires.

Archbishop Nikolai is understood to have replied that times had changed, that American and Russian churches were fully independent and that past misunderstandings would not be repeated.—France-Press.

Sudan-Soviet Embassies

Khartoum, Mar. 13. The Sudan and the Soviet Union have agreed to exchange diplomatic representation at Embassy level, it was announced here today.

The agreement was reached with the Counselor of the Soviet Embassy in Cairo who is now visiting Khartoum.

The Sudan, which became an independent and sovereign state last year, has embassies in Cairo, London, Washington and Addis Ababa.—Reuter.

RC Priests In Mines Says Radio

Munich, Mar. 13. More than 100 Roman Catholic priests are working as slave labourers in Communist Czechoslovakia's uranium mines, Radio Free Europe said today.

Quoting a former inmate of the labour camp at the Jachymov mines, the anti-Communist radio said between 100 and 200 priests were held in the mines, and another 20 imprisoned at Kartouxy, near Prague.

The radio said the work in the mines was dangerous because no masks were provided to protect miners from dust, fumes and radon gas.—United Press.

STALIN COMMEMORATED IN NATIVE GEORGIA

But Moscow Closing Exhibition Of Gifts

Moscow, Mar. 13.

The third anniversary of Stalin's death on March 5, ignored in Moscow, was marked by a memorial meeting and by newspaper tributes in Stalin's native Republic of Georgia, it was reported today.

The Georgian newspaper Zarya Vostoka (Dawn of the East) for last Friday, which reached Moscow today, carried a three-column photograph of Stalin, together with Lenin, and a three-column editorial headed: "Third Anniversary of the Death of Stalin."

The anniversary was not mentioned by Pravda and other central Moscow newspapers and there has not been any mention of commemorations anywhere except in Georgia.

In view of the current campaign against the "cult of personality," observers in Moscow were intrigued by the amount of attention given to the anniversary in Georgia. They said it was a mystery why the Georgian newspaper hesitated five days before noting the anniversary. The commemorative issue appeared on March 9.

No Explanation

There was no explanation for the delay but it was surmised that the Georgian Communist leaders waited for instructions from Moscow on how the anniversary was to be handled in a Republic with which Stalin had been particularly associated for many years, and where he was born.

The Zarya Vostoka editorial referred to Stalin as "an outstanding pupil" of Lenin. It described him as "one of the greatest revolutionaries" and "an outstanding Marxist who profoundly understood the Marxist-Leninist theory."

Such tributes to Stalin now generally appear to be out of vogue following criticism of "the cult of personality" during the recent Communist Party Congress. This criticism was not mentioned by the Georgian newspaper.

Continuous View

At the same time the Soviet Government is closing the exhibition of gifts sent to Stalin on his 70th birthday in 1949, which have been on continuous view ever since, it was reported today.

The gifts, numbering several hundreds, were reduced to a large representation of Stalin's death in 1953, and these have been on show in Moscow's Revolutionary Museum since then.

Shortly after the recent Communist Party Congress, at which Stalin's "cult of personality" was attacked, changes began to be made. Many of the more obvious gifts were removed, while others have been re-labelled, omitting any reference to Stalin.

Antarctic Islands Discovered

London, Mar. 13. British explorers have discovered several new islands in Antarctica and have set up British bases on two of them, the Colonial Office announced today.

One of the new islands bases is located on the Antarctic Circle near the coast of "Loubet", an area which was named by members of the expedition, officials said.

The other base lies on an island near another newly christened area, the "Danco" coast. Both bases are off the west coast of Grahamland, the officials said.

The discoverers, members of the British Geodetic Services in the Falkland Islands, arrived in the newly-found island groups aboard the British hydrographic survey vessel John Biscoe and Shackleton.—France-Press.

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'Tokyo Rose' Told To Leave U.S.

Chicago, Mar. 13. Mrs. Uva D'Aquino, better known as "Tokyo Rose", was ordered today by the State Department to leave the country by April 13 or face deportation proceedings.

Mrs. D'Aquino, who was convicted for making broadcasts from Tokyo during World War Two and served a term of imprisonment in a Federal prison, was born in Los Angeles.

She was paroled in January and has been living since with her family in Chicago.—France-Press.

THAILAND-U.S. ATOMIC PACT

Bangkok, Mar. 13.

Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State and Prince Wan Waithayakon, Thai Foreign Minister, tonight signed an agreement here under which the United States will help Thailand in the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

The agreement covers co-operation in the civilian uses of atomic energy and the establishment of an experimental atomic reactor.

Mr Dulles, at the signing ceremony in the gilded hall of the Foreign Ministry, said that Thailand and the United States had "forged yet another link in their partnership for peace and human wellbeing."

Deeply Grateful

"In signing this agreement here today," he added, "Thailand joins in this programme designed to advance the frontiers of science for the benefit of mankind."

Prince Wan said Thailand was deeply grateful for this assistance, "and gladly accepts it in the spirit in which it is offered, for we know that no sinister motive lies behind it."

Mr Dulles had earlier walked for an hour with Field Marshal Pibul Songgram, the Prime Minister.

Demands by some sections of the press and opposition politicians that Thailand trade with China, were possible topics at this meeting, according to American Embassy sources. Thailand's attitude to neutrality was outlined by the Prime Minister after he had left Mr Dulles.

Realise Dangers

"It is not possible in the world of today to be neutral," he told newspapermen.

Asked to comment about trade with China, he said: "China tries to subvert countries through commerce by trying to create a division in the free world by promises of trade."

"We realise the dangers, but we do not think the volume of trade between Thailand and China, which is indirectly conducted through Hongkong, is sufficiently large to be important."

The Government has banned all direct trade with China but Chinese consumer goods imported through Hongkong are selling in Bangkok's shops.—Reuter.

13-YEAR-OLD MOTHER

Nancy, Mar. 13. A 13-year-old girl gave birth to a baby in a clinic here today. The young mother and her child were reported tonight to be in "excellent health."—France-Press.

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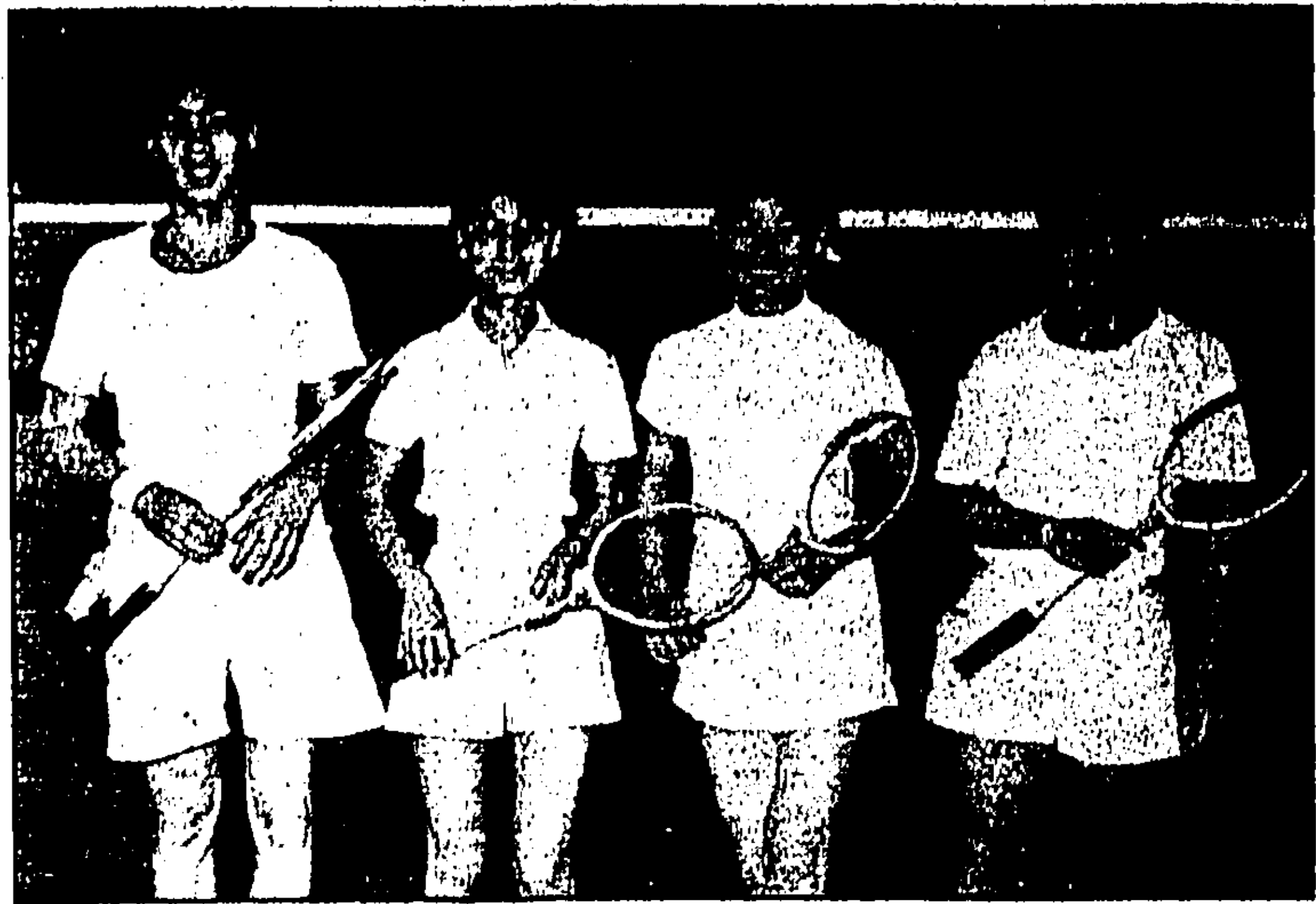
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BOOKINGS AT MOUTRIES

MIXED DOUBLES FINALISTS



George Ma and Miss Mary Wong (left), who won the Colony Junior Mixed Doubles badminton title, pictured before the match with Mrs. Selina Silva and Wong Wai-hung at the Indian Recreation Club last night. Ma and Miss Wong won 15-8, 18-13.—China Mail Photo.

YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL

Taiwan Girls Trounce Combined Chinese By A 14-3 Score

By "TIME OUT"

At King's Park yesterday, before a packed stand of schoolgirls, the Ching Hsu Girls' softball team trounced Willie Woo's Combined Chinese 14-3 as Lin Fong-tsu, on the mound for the winners, limited the Chinese batters to four scattered hits. In their fourth straight win here over two weeks the visitors spared no quarter and scored in every inning except their last.

Spearheading the eight-hit barrage on losing hurler Kwan Yip-ching, captain-pitcher Lin Fong-tsu of Taiwan collected two hits in her five trips to the plate while batter Shea Man-shan paced her with a ringing triple in the third frame.

With the local girls going scoreless in the opening chapter, the visitors shot ahead with two tallies in their half. An infield bungle gave lead-off batter Yu Mei-nui a life while a steal and another miscue paved her way to third. Shortstop Hsu A-hua then punched a single through the windy alley for Taiwan's first run. Catching the opposition flatfooted, Hsu pilfered third and later denoted the rubber on a wild pitch.

The second chapter saw the local Chinese girls fight their way back into the game with one run as L. W. Chan obtained a life on a fumble, advanced on a wild heave and cleated the rubber on a dropped fly.

Pulling away again, the visitors pushed in another pair of runs as their shaly opponents blundered their miscues with the wild heaves of pitcher Kwan Yip-ching.

With bases brimming and only one out, the Combined Chinese squad masterfully culminated their worries with a brilliant twin kill to retire the side.

Pulling down Lee Chia's fly ball to leftfield, outfielder Yim Lai-hsing rifled it home to catch Yu Mei-nui on the slide amidst the thunderous applause of the local fans.

TWIN-KILLING

Not to be outdone, the visitors also pulled off a twin-killing in the third when third-sacker Lee Chia picked up C. Y. Lam's grounder, nailed L. S. Yim at the plate and a fast relay back to first by catcher Shea Man-shan erased Lam for the second out.

Not loosening up for a minute, the bottom of the third saw the visitors piling on four more runs. Batting one-two, Chang Sue-lan and L. C. Wang obtained successive lives to bases as short-

stop Amy Chang followed the pattern of her teammates with two costly fumbles. A series of wild pitches followed and both runners scored. After a further tally had been chalked up for the visitors, Shea Man-shan smashed a two-and-two pitch through the box for a triple, scoring when the ball was stopped by a thrown mitt in centerfield.

The fifth frame again saw disaster befalling the local girls as this error-packed inning saw the visitors crossing the plate five times to reach an unapproachable 14-1 lead.

In the seventh frame the Taiwan girls seemed to falter as three errors were chalked up against them for two runs. Petite Amy Chang opened the inning with a free ticket to first, stole second and advanced to third on an infield out.

Yim Lai-hsing's grounder was then heaved wildly and Chang scooted across the pan with Yim settling safely at third. When T. Y. Chan got a life on another bungle, Yim scored, but T. Y. Chan's hasty attempt to steal second saw her being plastered for the second out. Amy Chang then singled, but C. Y. Lam ground out to first to end the inning.

LIVING UP

Living up to her reputation as a base-purloiner, Taiwan third-sacker Lee Chia walked off with top honours, adding three more steals to her long string. In the fielding department, Leo Mei-lin of Taiwan capped top honours with a brilliant running catch in the fourth chapter.

L.W. Chan smashed a liner which had extra-bases all over it in a line over first base but right-fielder Lee was equal to the occasion as she made a bee-line towards the foul line and speared it for the out.

The Chung Hsu Girls will be playing their final game in the colony this Friday at King's Park against an All-Hongkong selection. This feature tussle is scheduled to commence at 4.30 p.m.

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

GEORGE MA ALMOST CERTAIN OF TRIPLE CHAMPIONSHIP

By "TOUCHWOOD"

One dismal failure, just one more attempt and success came yesterday evening to Craigengower Cricket Club schoolboy shuttler George Ma with a resounding bang when he won not only the Colony Junior Singles title but rounded off the night by pocketing the Junior Mixed Doubles title as well in the Hongkong Badminton Association Junior Championships finals held at the Indian Recreation Club.

George Ma won his first title when he beat clubmate Wong Wai-hung in a 45-minute duel to win at 15-9, 12-15, 15-9. Returning to the court after a 15 minute respite, Ma in partnership with Miss Mary Wong subdued his singles adversary, Wong Wai-hung, and Mrs. Selina Silva to win the Junior Mixed Doubles title in two sets at 15-8, 18-13.

Schoolboy Ma, who is also in the Junior Doubles final, looks set to become the Colony triple champion and, judging by his current form, he should have no difficulty in winning his third title.

Ma partners Wong Wai-hung and one doesn't have to look any further to name the 1956 Junior Doubles Champions as the combination of Manfred Kan and Z. A. Abbas is not up to the class of George Ma and Wong.

In the third final of the night, Chinese YMCA's Miss Cinder Ho realised her ambition when she conquered Craigengower Cricket Club's Miss Mary Wong to win the Ladies' Junior Singles title. Miss Ho had things her way from the first service to the last to win with plenty to spare at 11-2, 11-3.

In the Men's Junior Singles final, Wong Wai-hung, who started as favourite, did not live up to expectations. Wong was uncertain with his baseline shot, his smash was so feeble that instead of giving him the points it often had him on the wrong foot when George Ma returned with ease.

PICTURE OF CONFIDENCE

On the opposite court George Ma was a picture of confidence. At every stroke and at each rally it was always Wong on the losing side. Ma dictated the pace for most of the three sets and his only fault last night was with his net play which at one stage nearly cost him the title.

Ma made the mistake of playing at the net before his opponent was right before him and his cross court shots often than not hit the net cord to roll over to his own side.

Wong Wai-hung has himself to blame for not winning the singles title. With a com-

manding 13-0 lead in the second set, he fell to pieces as the game progressed and it was sheer luck that he romped home to win the set at 15-12.

Ma came within reach of beating him in straight sets when he reeled off point after point until the score read 12-13, but here a lob out by George Ma ended his hopes for a short cut victory.

It took four services in the opening set before George Ma scored his first point with a lucky net cord drop shot. A smash to Wong's backhand, a push at net to an empty space in mid-court took the score to 3-0. Wong smashed out at half court to give his opponent another point.

A wood shot at this stage by George Ma earned Wong Wai-hung his first point and no further points came his way until Ma had raced further ahead to 5-2. Fortunes changed when Ma took an outcourt return at base and with Ma rattled with his mistake, Wong closed the gap to 5-6.

It was 7-7, 8-8 and then for the first time Wong took a 9-8 lead but this lasted only a minute for with the triple vice George Ma shot ahead to 12-9 to finally win set at 15-9.

CHANGED TACTICS

Wong changed his tactics in the second set. Instead of playing a forceful game, he resorted to the lob and drop, an occasional smash and, as a finishing touch, he forced Ma to the net to reel off 13 points in next to no time.

When it appeared that this set would end in a love game, George Ma surprised everyone present as he outlobbed, outsmashed, and outmanoeuvred Wong in a drawn out rally for supremacy.

From 1-13, Ma came within two points of winning in straight sets, but a backhand flick which sailed inches off the net saved Wong. Two drop shots, by George Ma at base into the net took the game to the rubber.

The final set was almost a foregone conclusion as Wong Wai-hung continuously lobbed out or smashed the shuttle into the net. Ma collected four points in a row, jumped ahead to 6-0 before his opponent took a point when Ma noticed. There was only one player in the picture and that was George Ma who reeled off the next seven points for set and match at 16-0. The Mixed Doubles final, Ma and Miss Mary Wong did not really

put their best into this two-set match and the scores of 15-8 and 18-13 were not as indicative of a close struggle as the figures suggest.

In the Ladies' Singles final it was an uncertain Miss Mary Wong who faced Miss Cinder Ho. Miss Wong, who was beaten last year in the final by Miss Diana Yung, doesn't seem to have improved very much and the same fight she put up against Cinder Ho was ample proof that she has yet a lot to learn before the Junior Singles title will come her way.

THE RESULTS

Men's Junior Singles Final: George Ma beat Wong Wai-hung 15-9, 12-15, 15-9.
Ladies' Junior Singles Final: Miss Cinder Ho beat Miss Mary Wong 11-2, 11-3.

Mixed Doubles Final: George Ma and Miss Mary Wong beat Wong Wai-hung and Mrs. Selina Silva 15-8, 18-13.

TOMORROW

At 10.00 p.m. — Men's Junior Doubles Final: George Ma and Wong Wai-hung vs. Manfred Kan and Z. A. Abbas.
At 8.45 p.m. — Ladies' Junior Doubles Final: Misses Mary Wong and Betty Yung vs. Misses Chui Yuen-chun and Connie Yung.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Russia Intends To Compete In All Events

Darwin, Mar. 13. Soviet Union sportsmen are expected to compete in every event of the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne, said the three Soviet Olympic delegates who arrived here today on their way to Melbourne.

The three delegates—M. Peslyak, Vice-Chairman of the Soviet Olympic Games Committee, Z. Khomenkov, coach for track and field events, and V. Smirnov, Olympic Games official—arrived to investigate accommodation and facilities for the Olympic Games.

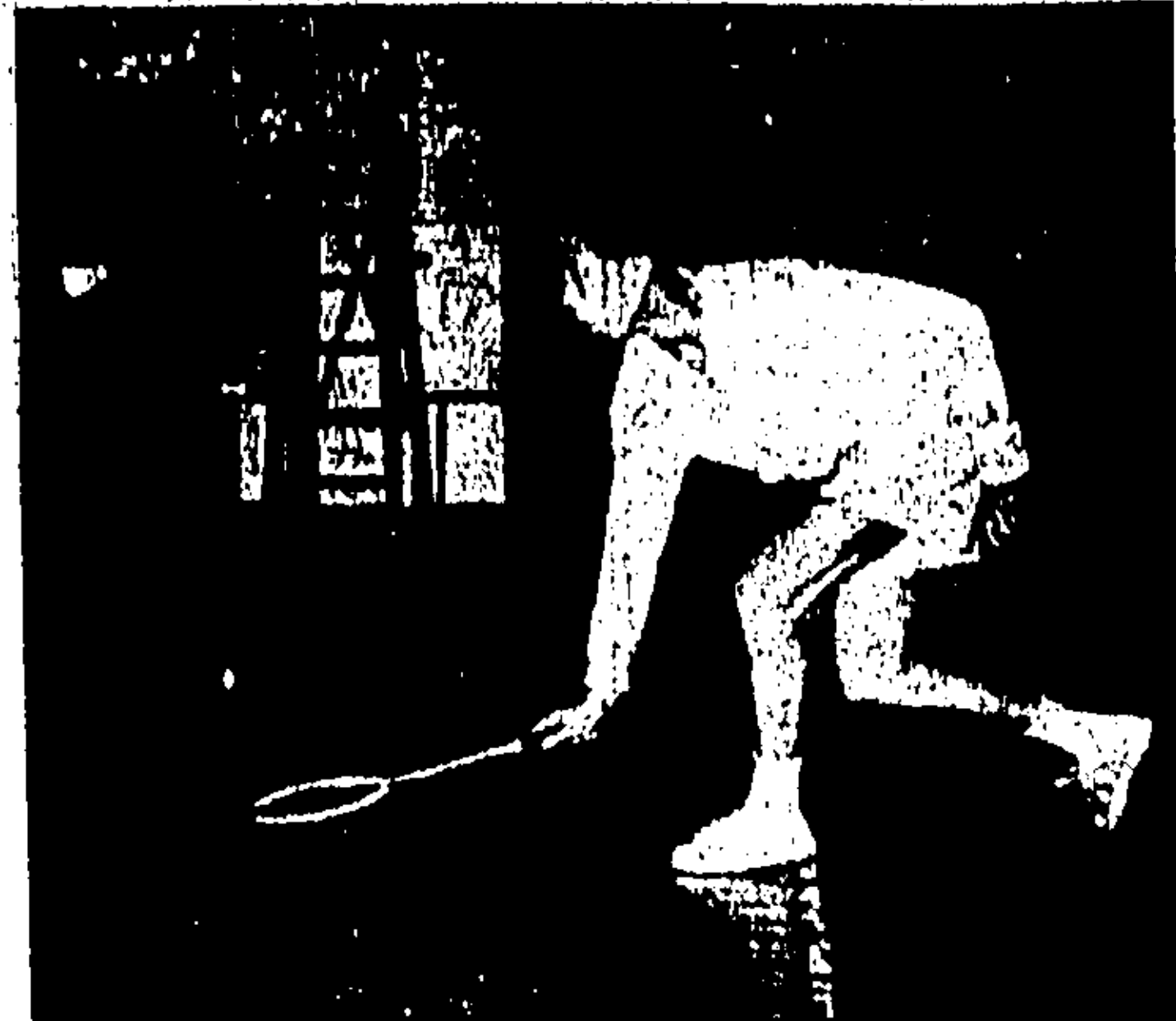
Peslyak said his country would send a 600 strong party to the Games, including 450 athletes, the first of which will arrive in Melbourne at the beginning of November.

Peslyak added: "We think we will take part in all events on the programme, including hockey, which we had not thought of for Helsinki. We will do all that is possible to win gold medals and set up new world records. We will make every effort to do better than we did at Helsinki. Our sportsmen have been training since Helsinki."

The Vice-Chairman then explained that Soviet athletes had been training two or three hours daily and others for four hours, depending on the event. Asked what events the Soviets expected to win, he replied: "You know what gold medals we won at Helsinki. Some of our athletes have reached a very high standard."

The three Soviet officials who are all athletes but have not competed in Olympic Games, are the first Soviets to enter Australia since the Soviet Union severed diplomatic relations with Australia over the Petrov case. —France-Press.

JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPION



Craigengower Cricket Club schoolboy shuttler George Ma stole the show at the Hongkong Badminton Association Junior Championships last night when he won the Junior Singles and Mixed Doubles titles.

Ma won his first title by beating Wong Wai-hung 15-9, 12-15, 15-9 and then partnered Miss Mary Wong to beat Wong and Mrs. Selina Silva in the Mixed Doubles final by 15-8, 18-13. — China Mail Photo.

RUGBY PREVIEW

England Should Win Calcutta Cup—Scots Lack Adaptability

Says J. R. WATKINS

England take an unchanged team to Murrayfield on March 17. They should bring back the Calcutta Cup. Why do I tip England to win? Because the Scots lack adaptability.

Scotland's ruthless pack, which fought so gallantly against the Irish in Dublin recently, has one idea—to drive forward and through with the ball at their feet. They haven't so far shown any aptitude for improvising to suit the conditions. It is the old fashioned foot-rush or nothing.

This is not the forwards' fault. Scotland lack the players in mid-field to take advantage of the monopoly of the ball their pack can gain for them. Their backs just aren't good enough.

England, on the other hand, have the backs to capitalise on a monopoly of the ball, plus loose forwards who can run better with it than any of the three Scots mid-field backs.

Add to that a pack that is every bit as good as the Scots, and one can visualise a tough man-to-man forward scrap. But unless England allow themselves to be knocked off their game by those hectic Scottish rushes, I cannot foresee anything other than an English victory.

It is quite a change—a pleasant one—for England to feel satisfied with the same team for a run of matches. But this is the same side that took 20 points off the Irish and which was deprived by the weather of a match in France.

The French match will now take place on April 14. The postponement certainly appears to give France a better chance of victory on a hard ground and

in warm weather. For those are the conditions that will suit her southern players, who form the bulk of the French team.

It should rule out England's slight chances of capturing the International Championship. Wales, who must now be favourites for the Triple Crown, might well make it a double success. — London Express Service.

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Sports Diary

TODAY
ASB and OC Council meeting, Sports Club, King's Building, at 6.30 p.m.

Tennis
Semi-final of Colony Grasscourt doubles championships (bottom half). School championships at COC commencing at 8 p.m.

TOMORROW
Colony Grasscourt, Singles final at HKCC.

Entries close for the Colony Senior Championships. Col. Junior Championships at HKCC, 8.15 p.m.

Golf
Qualifying round for Barry Cup, Shek-O.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

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To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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HKRA Practice Shoot Results

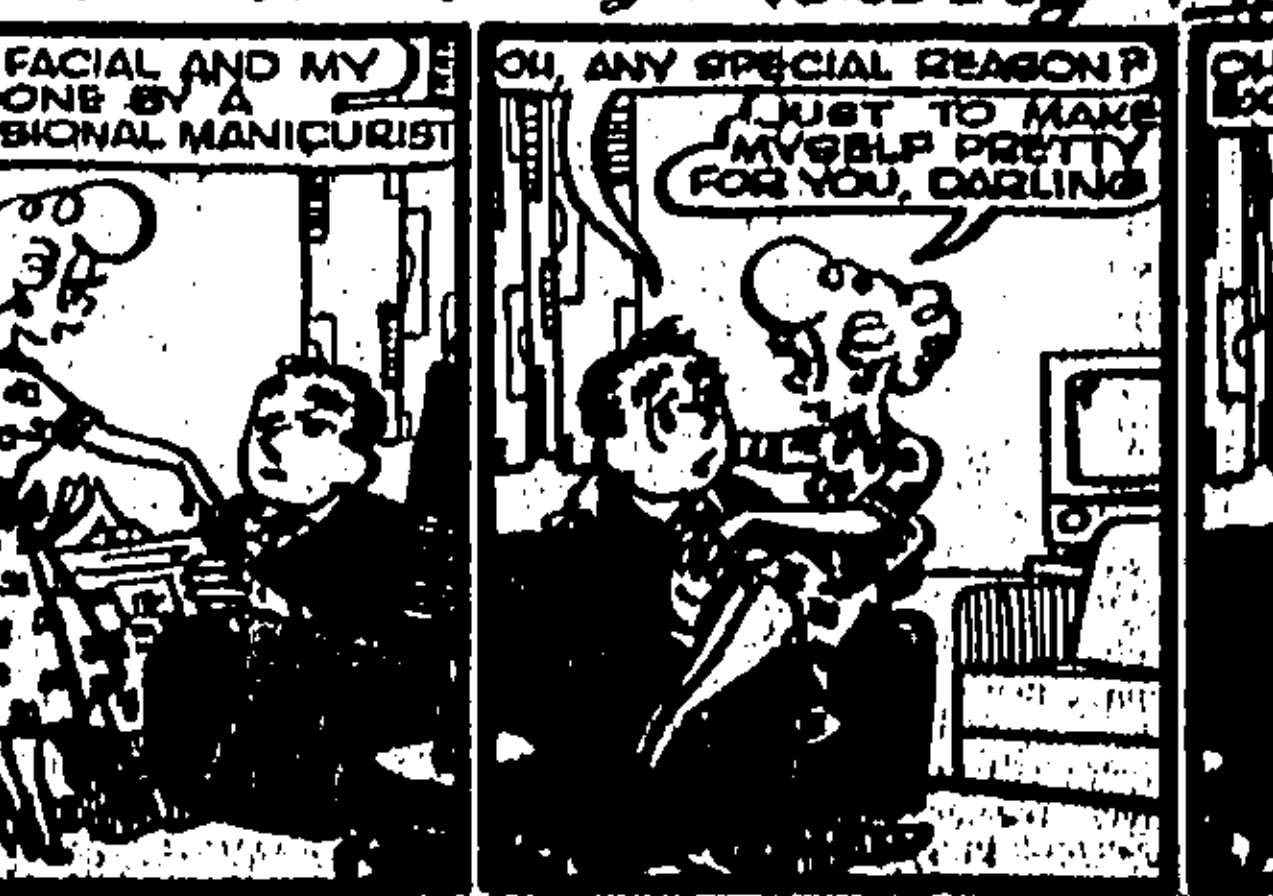
The Hongkong Rifle Association carried out another practice shoot at Kai Tak Range at 200, 500 and 600 yards last Sunday which was attended by about 30 members. The spoon winners were: Wong Bor, B. Gollevsky, J. H. Stanbury, A. C. Whyte and G. Anderson. The following are the full results of the shoot:

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THE GAMBOLS



by Barry Appleby



BURROUGHS





On sheer merit we could quite easily extend the Top Spot three quarters of the way down the column this week but, after due thought, let us welcome the members of the Army South cricket team back to the place of honour in recognition of their regaining the leadership of the Colony League.

The standard of cricket played in the League this season has been so good that a single reverse has been sufficient to topple leaders from their precarious perch. The competition has been exhilarating and exciting, and never has the uncertainty of the grand old game been better demonstrated than in the present tournament.

Army South — with two good victories at the week-end — have fought their way back to the leadership at a crucial stage. In racing purrances, one might say that they have got their nose in front coming into the home straight, but the winning post is still some way off, and South will find strong challengers ready to make the most of even the slightest stumble. Nevertheless, they have done well in making up for lost ground, and there is good reason for confidence that they can hold their lead and regain the coveted trophy from Kowloon Cricket Club.

ACCOMPLISHED ATHLETE

Army athletes have been much in prominence during the week-end and the popular Essex Regiment runner, Lieut. Keith Burch, gets top billing on account of his brilliant Colony record-breaking run in the Open Mile at the RAMC Meeting last Thursday, several other soldiers have also turned in top class performances. Main talk in athletic circles these last few days has concerned the skill and versatility of Capt. John Hunter of the RAMC. In his own Corps sports this accomplished athlete won the 100 yards, 220 yards, the Long Jump and the High Jump as well as getting a place in the discus.

Appearing in the HKAAA team at the week-end Captain Hunter won the High Jump, claimed second place in the Long Jump and in the Hop Step and Jump, and was finally placed third in the 220 yards hurdles.

This is surely athletic versatility at its best and one can only wonder what he might achieve if he could spare the time for some really intensive training.

Keith Burch was again in the forefront during this Triangular Meeting with victories in the 440 yds and 880 yds events, while Royal Artillery star Bruce Tulloh turned in a very workmanlike performance to win the One Mile run.

RAMBLERS

While we get most of our reports for this column from organized sporting events we are always glad to hear of achievements and plans of "free-lance" individuals and groups.

I make this reminder because I have just received news of some young soldiers who have decided to get their recreation and also build up a closer acquaintance with the Colony by walking over its roads and hills each week-end and at such other times as the opportunity presents itself. One of their number tells me they are deriving the greatest possible pleasure and enjoyment from their efforts, and have already visited many interesting places.

Walking and rambling is a fine way of spending the week-end and those who are interested would be well advised to get down to it before the hot weather starts.

The annual dinner of the Army Football Association will be held at the Volunteer Centre on Monday, March 26 and it is anticipated that a large and distinguished gathering will assemble for what is regarded in many places as one of the most important social functions on the sporting calendar.

When 25 Field Regiment RA were in the Colony they had a very active team in the local football competition and, while the Gunners were never seriously regarded as pennant possibilities, the fact that they played at all was a source of considerable pleasure to the competition organisers. At present there is no Army team playing on the diamond at King's Park but judging by the number of military folks in the big crowd, last week-end the game has not by any means lost its appeal.

CALDBECK CUP

There has been a late change in the arrangements for the semi-final of the Caldbeck Cup and those soccer followers who wish to see the clash between

IN THE NEW AGE—ONLY TOP CLUBS SURVIVE

League Must Think Of Sunday Soccer

Says MATT BUSBY

(MANAGER OF MANCHESTER UNITED)

I don't think the missing millions have vanished off the face of the earth. They are still there. But whereas in the old days they flocked to buy football wares, in the New Age football must now go out and convince them that the wares are worth buying.

Football attendances generally are getting back to an honest level, that of the mid-thirties, when only a local "derby" or a Cup tie would push the crowds up around the 50,000 mark.

The one thing that will bring in the crowd and fill the ground is a skillful, SUCCESSFUL team, because the entire range of activities on which people spend their leisure time, from hiking to horse-back-riding and back again, has expanded enormously.

Yet our organisation puts so many obstacles in the way of fielding such a team. Football in England is not a test of skill. It is a test of endurance. Forty-two matches spread over nine months is a cruel load for the League footballer to bear.

The League structure demands that in the first four weeks of the season we have to play 10 or a dozen matches, more than a quarter of the entire programme. We have to run when we should be walking.

The pressure is tremendous. Injuries to only two players in this period can so strike a club that for the rest of that season it cannot hope to compete for honours.

And at the end of that time the pattern of each Division is set. For two-thirds of the clubs the rest of the season is a formality of playing matches and picking up points as they come.

Please, please, don't think I am smug because my club, Manchester United, happen to lead the First Division at the moment. I am not. I know too well that things happen fast in this game.

Then we plunge into a concentration of fixtures at Christmas, dreadful weather in January and February, complicated by Cup fixtures, and a scramble of mid-week matches get through the programme by the end of April.

The whole pattern is too involved, the burden is just too much to hope for sustained quality football from the players.

HEARTENING

The fact that the management committee have published a plan is heartening. It shows that they are alive to our problems. But they merely nibble at them. They try to stop a crack in the dam with children's putty.

My ideas are more radical, because I am convinced that RADICAL CHANGES must be made.

1. WE must reduce the First and Second Divisions. I feel that 18 clubs, 34 matches, is an ample programme. That would cut out all mid-week matches.

2. WE must seriously consider having another competition. If you repeated last Saturday's Cup programme as League matches the attendance would

Ron Barton Wins British Vacant Cruiserweight Title

London, Mar. 13. Ron Barton (Westman) won the vacant British Cruiserweight title at Harringay arena here tonight when his opponent, Albert Finch (Croydon), retired in the eighth round.

A badly gashed eye brought about Finch's retirement halfway through the fifteen rounds bout.

Barton, 23 years old and having his 22nd fight as a professional, was well worth his win but Finch, 29 years old "veteran" of nearly 100 bouts, was gallant in defeat.

Only his great experience and ringcraft saved him in the early rounds against the dynamic punching of his young opponent.

Finch weathered Barton's crisp left and right hooks until the sixth round when a thundering right burst his left eye brow.

A groggy Finch, on the verge of being knocked out, threw everything into a dramatic seventh round and twice forced Barton to his knees, but the effort was too much and Barton was able to box his way out of trouble.

highest quality games, with wages revised accordingly.

AWARENESS

I don't hold that television has harmed football, and it has shown Soccer fans Hovved, Dynamo, Spartak, as well as the Austrian, Spanish, Hungarian, German national sides.

It has brought an awareness that things are happening in football abroad, and that we have things to learn.

With the world shrinking fast, I feel that European competitions—Cup and League—and world competitions are inevitable.

A start has been made with the European "Cup of Champions" this season.

I visualise the Football League having its own "international" department to handle our end of such competitions, and we must think seriously of these things.

In the same way we must think seriously of SUNDAY FOOTBALL, and by that I mean playing our matches at home here on a Sunday.

We are an insular people. We live on an island! But too often we have been inclined to withdraw and patronise the rest of the world and assume a splendid isolation. We can do this no longer.

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Ice And Jungle

By HENRY LONGHURST

One of the indisputable characteristics of the Scottish race is that, though the municipal golfers of Glasgow may be staging a month's strike—by a coincidence the month least suitable to golf—against a charge of a florin per round instead of a shilling, nothing can prevent their brethren from carving out golf courses in the farthest distant parts of the world in places designed by providence, one would have thought, for almost any other purpose.

In sand and desert, boulders, jungle and snow there are at this moment energetic Scotsmen scratching away at the surface of the earth with their nibblers.

Two instances have recently come my way, both from friends last met in Singapore. One, an ex-brigadier doctor, settled there after a distinguished military career in Burma, to seek his fortune in Canada. His present practice in Alberta encompasses several thousand square miles, and among his patients are isolated Eskimos of the Western Arctic. Landing to visit them on some barren, inhospitable island the other day and clambering over the rocks and ice, he looked down and beheld, of all things, a golf ball.

INTRIGUING ITEM

The Golfers' Handbook carries an intriguing item entitled "Balls in strange places." These include the car of a donkey, somebody's drawing-room fire via the chimney, and the nests of wasps, larks, solar geese, pheasants and squirrels. Blarney, though they may be, Arctic golf is apparently uninhabited by white men! must surely qualify for future inclusion.

The answer, of course, was—Scotland. The number of holes had coincided with the number of members: three holes, two Scottish engineers and a Jesuit priest.

By these standards the Christmas Island Golf Club in the Indian Ocean is almost a tropical St. Andrews. Here the inhabitants consist mainly of 2,000 Chinese, and 37 Australians, of whom 35 were so ignorant, until twelve months ago, as never to have played golf. The arrival of another Scottish engineer, Mr. Frank MacRae, soon corrected this lamentable state of affairs and within a matter of weeks the Europeans, having done their day's work for the Phosphate Company, were to be seen with bulldozers, and axes clearing nine holes in the jungle.

My informant, a Singapore police officer visiting Christmas Island on an official mission, was much impressed with the results of their efforts. "It is in a lovely position," he says, "with the sea and a 100-foot cliff on one side and dense jungle" on the other.

"Great things will be done around you while you are playing."

Everyone now has his own copy and in some cases husband and wife have one apiece. There remains, however, great confusion about the Rules, more particularly our old friend about hitting the pin within 20 yards, and I am begged to despatch a copy of the latest version, for which, after much consulting of reference books in the local Post Office, and discussion as to whether Christmas Island was "one of ours," a copy is now on its way to Mr. MacRae. Records can only be kept in an out-of-the-green—unless they burn, in which case see Rule 32 (1).

OLYMPIC "POSSIBLE" IN ACTION



Ploughing through the water at Stoke Newington Baths is Britain's 13-year-old National Junior Freestyle Champion, Christina Barry, who is one of the swimmers named by the SAS as possible for this year's Olympic Games in Melbourne. —Central Press Photo.

BOXING'S NEW GLAMOUR BOY

He Fights Like Marciano—And He's British

By ALAN HOBY

Once in a while, out of the rack and muck of boxing, a fighter emerges in the Dempsey-Marciano mould—the born "killer" and mighty puncher who closes the gates and stops the traffic.

Today in Britain I believe we have a boxer of this breed. His name is Richard Alexander Richardson, the young Welsh Hercules who is rapidly becoming the new Heavyweight glamour-boy of the ring.

Frankly, when you stop to assess the facts, the rise of Richardson from Newport—better known to his hordes of followers, of course, as Dick—is a little short of fantastic.

GRIM TRADE

During the past 18 months Lesley has spent an average of four days a week teaching the eager Richardson the ground-work of his grim trade.

He has also taught him how to pick his openings and not rush in like a berserk bull—in short, to curb his fighting

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Yet here he is, at 21, getting £3,500 or 30 per cent of the gate to fight the unbeaten Erskine at Mandy Stadium, Cardiff, in two months' time. Not bad for a "novice" who just over a year ago was paid £17 10s. for one fight.

How has it been done? What makes promoters clamour for the services of the best Heavyweight prospect they have seen for years?

Is it the way he reacts to punishment—like a tiger? Is it his punch? Sixteen of his 17 winning fights have ended by a KO or technical knock-out.

SUPERB PHYSIQUE

Is it the superb physique of this 6ft. 2in., 14st. 2½lb. man with the rippling shoulder muscles and 18½in. neck?

All play their potent part. Yet none of these gifts would have availed without the cagey "corner" work and long-term planning of Richardson's manager, Wally Lesley.

An ex-fighter himself, Lesley knows all the pitfalls of the fight game.

"I expect Richardson to knock Erskine out on May 7," he told me, "but even if he does he won't box for any titles or eliminations this year."

"Richardson is a world-beater—but he has got to be brought along slowly and carefully."

"He is still not fully matured. Obviously, with his powerful punching he might beat any of the Champions inside 10 rounds."

Nationalist China's Soccer Team To Train Here

Singapore, Mar. 13. Nationalist China has invited three soccer players from Singapore and a similar number from the Federation of Malaya for preliminary training in Hongkong.

This was disclosed by Mr. Choo Kwai Low, Hon. Secretary of the Singapore Chinese Football Association.

Mr. Choo said the names of the players must be submitted to Hongkong before March 20 and those chosen will leave for the British Colony on April 10.

The names of the players were not disclosed, but Nationalist China is keen to have the services of goalkeeper Chu Choo-seng.

Mr. Choo said the Singapore Chinese Football Association is meeting on March 18 and the Malayan Chinese Football Association a day earlier to consider the invitations. The United Press.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Britain Starts Delivering £7m Train Order To Brazil

By Haig Nicholson

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 13.

Britain has made delivery to Brazil, on schedule, of the first of 100 electric train units provided for in a £7,000,000 contract.

The train unit, handed over in Britain, has reached Rio de Janeiro by ship, and will soon be running on the suburban services.

As the tempo of manufacturing increases, delivery of the remaining train units will be speeded-up until one is arriving each week. Deliveries will continue for the next eighteen months.

When all the train units are in operation the carrying capacity of the Rio suburban railways will be doubled.

The contract was obtained by Metropolitan Vickers Electric Export Company Limited, in March 1954. In value it is one of the biggest contracts the company has ever handled and 12 firms from Britain, the United States, Switzerland, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Japan competed for it.

One by one they were eliminated until the final choice lay between three firms, from Britain, the United States and Switzerland respectively.

Metropolitan Vickers won and the contract was signed in March 1954.

Manufacture began in September of that year, and the first train unit (consisting of all of them, of a motor coach and two trailers) was delivered towards the end of January to the Central Railway of Brazil.

Repayment

Financing of the contract is being done to the extent of £4,000,000 by the International Bank, and £3,000,000 by Metropolitan Vickers themselves.

Repayment will be made to Metropolitan Vickers over a period of five years. The subsequent repayment to the International Bank will extend over 15 years.

Metropolitan Vickers will supply 50 complete train units and 50 motor coaches from Britain while 100 coaches will be constructed by Brazilian coach builders.

The trains will substantially relieve the congestion on the Central Railway's Rio suburban services, electrification of which was completed by Metropolitan Vickers in 1937 at a cost of £1,500,000.

Spare Parts

The Railway Company has also ordered spare parts valued at £500,000 from Metropolitan Vickers, which is completing the construction at Belo Horizonte, capital of Minas Gerais, over 300 miles north of Rio, of a £250,000 repair factory for electric traction railway equipment.

The new plans, said Mr. Francis C. Halliwell, General Manager of Metropolitan do Brazil (Electricidade) Ltda., "will incorporate a number of technical improvements resulting from the first-hand experience we have gained in Brazil during the past two decades."

"They will have more doors to make unloading and discharging of passengers easier. The seats will run lengthwise in the coaches, leaving plenty of room for strap hangers."

No Hangers-On

"But there will be no hangers-on (a reference to the way thousands of men here travel dangerously on the outside steps of electric trains and trams every day)."

"In the new stream-lined trains, there is nothing outside for them to hang on to," China Mail Special.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Mar. 13.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 123 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 127 contracts.

Evening-up in the May delivery by trade interest dominated dealings in both contracts.

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Short-Time Hits British Car Industry



This line of unsold British cars is part of the 80,000 cars in the stock piles of manufacturers, many of whom have introduced a four-day working week to counter the sales drop. In addition, overtime is at an end—and last week 250 workers were dismissed by Mulliners, the body builders.—Express Photo.

New York Prices Turn Down VOLUME REDUCED

New York, Mar. 13.

Prices on the Stock Exchange turned downward irregularly today on reduced volume.

The retreat was mild. Wall Street quarters generally expected a decline today. They pointed out that prices were due to some profit taking because of the recent advance which pushed the industrial average above the 500 mark, a new historical peak.

Losses throughout the list were limited to small fractions. Only a few issues were down 1 point or better.

Railroad shares rose a few cents, enough to move that average to its best level since last November 25. Utilities were down a few cents.

Of the 1,230 issues traded today, 498 closed lower, 434 advanced and 280 unchanged. New 1956 highs were registered on 172 stocks and 15 added new lows.

Transactions totaled 2,700,000 shares, compared with 3,110,000 shares yesterday.

Motors Backward

Motor shares were the most backward. Chrysler slipped 1½ points to \$70½. General Motors eased a fraction.

Electrical equipments were features. Westinghouse in particular was a bright spot. It moved up 2½ points to \$63½.

A few of the oils were strong. Southern Railway ran up 3 points to \$110½. Chesapeake & Ohio was up a point to \$68½. Santa Fe eased ½ to \$155½.

General Motors led the market in turnover with 44,200 shares changing hands. It closed with a loss of ¼ to \$46½.

Westinghouse finished in the section with 42,100 shares changing hands.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$6,240,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 1,060,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages:

30 Industrials 490.33
20 Rails 167.18
10 Utilities 177.40
15 Stocks 177.40
10 Bonds 109.14
Comm. futures price index 150.04
Comm. spot price index 150.05
Moody's index 108.60

Closing Prices

7	Allied Chemicals	\$115.50	Shell Oil Co.	
8	Allied Mills Inc.	32	Shill Reg. Co.	
9	Allis Chalmers	72	Shill Reg. Co.	
10	American Airlines	24.50	Shill Reg. Co.	
11	American Cyanamide Co.	72.25	Shill Reg. Co.	
12	American Mach. & F dry	25	Shill Reg. Co.	
13	American Metal	63.50	Shill Reg. Co.	
14	American Smelting	50	Shill Reg. Co.	
15	Armco Steel	10.75	Shill Reg. Co.	
16	Armour	10.75	Shill Reg. Co.	
17	Armstrong	10.75	Shill Reg. Co.	
18	Bechtel Aviation Corp.	61	Shill Reg. Co.	
19	Bechtel Const.	51	Shill Reg. Co.	
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Mystery Slip

EMMA, when she was stopped by the store detective, used the kind of language Cabinet Ministers nowadays from time to time employ. "I ain't got nothing," she said.

The words came strangely from her lips, for Emma is a neat, rather fastidious-looking little woman of 62, who looks as though she would abhor the thought of taking such liberties with grammar.

"I ain't got nothing," she said, but the store detective was not taking that for an answer and led Emma back into the self-service shop she had just left.

SHE HAD £8

At Clerkenwell court next day, Emma pleaded guilty before Mr. E. G. Robey, to stealing from the shop two bolts of meat-paste, a packet of detergent, some furniture polish, some butter, two packets of biscuits—2s. 2d. worth of goods in all.

"She had already bought 11s. 6d. worth of groceries when she stole these things," a detective explained to the magistrate, "and she had £6 with her. She doesn't know why she did this, nor does her husband, who says she's an excellent woman."

Her husband's an engine-driver, and he gives her £6 5s. a week. They pay 25s. a week for an unfurnished four-room flat. There is a married son of 40, and a daughter of 33.

EMMA'S HUSBAND

"WHAT do you want to say?" the magistrate asked Emma.

Emma bowed her head, and sobbed, and seemed to be making a kind of private speech to herself.

"Is her husband here?" asked the magistrate.

He was, and he came forward, a rugged open-faced man with a poppy-dot scarf wrapped tight round his neck, and great perplexity in his expression and in his tone of voice.

"She's punished herself proper, she has," Emma's husband said, jerking his head in a sympathetic nod of way towards his sobbing wife.

PRIDE

"SHE don't know what made her do it," he went on. "I asked her, and she couldn't even tell me, and that made it clear how much it had hurt him that there should be trouble of any kind that his wife could not share in every detail with him; it spoke for the long years of sharing the bad things as well as the good, that made enduring marriages."

"Why she done it, heaven only knows," Emma's husband said. "There's no financial trouble," nothing approaching it.

His pride in his sobriety shone out like an illuminated testimonial to his thrift and care.

AND PRIVILEGE

"THE trouble is," said the magistrate to Emma's husband, "that in the courts we are always hearing this story. This one follows the usual pattern—a woman who's never been in trouble before, who's a good wife, a good mother, goes and does this sort of thing. I'm afraid it means she was trying to get something for nothing."

"Unfortunately, it means that you get punished, and you've done nothing wrong," he turned to Emma. "You must pay a fine of £5," he said.

Emma nodded, and sobbing still was led out. Her husband followed closely, pulling out his wallet as he went, and nothing in his looks or in his manner suggested it was anything but a privilege to him to stand at his wife's side and share her troubles, and pay her fine.

Unlawful Use Of Penicillin Charge

Ng Shu, 40, of 11 Sai Yuen Lane, second floor and Ng Chai-lan, 33, of 2 Sai Yuen Lane, second floor, were remanded for two days by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida at Central this morning on a charge of unlawfully administering penicillin, and with aiding and abetting in committing the offence.

First defendant was alleged, on March 12 at 11 Sai Yuen Lane, second floor, to have administered penicillin to Ng Chai-lan by means of a syringe, though he was not a medical practitioner. Second defendant was alleged to have aided and abetted.

Found Not Guilty Of Slaying Negro

Sumner, Miss., Mar. 13.

A jury today found a white cotton gin operator innocent in the shotgun slaying of a negro.

Elmer Kimbell, 34, had been charged with shooting down Clinton Melton, 33, at a Glendon service station after an argument over the purchase of gasoline.

Kimbell, who showed no emotion when the verdict was read, was the third white man to be acquitted of slaying a member of the negro race in this tiny courtroom in the past six months.

Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, half-brothers, were acquitted here last September of the "wolf whistle" murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

SELF-DEFENCE

There was no demonstration in the crowded courtroom when the verdict was read today at 5:25 p.m. EST. The all-white, all-male jury began its deliberations after receiving conflicting testimony in the case.

Kimbell, claiming self-defence, testified that he was fired on three times before he reached for his shotgun to return the fire on the night of December 3. Three S. B. witnesses had testified that Melton was not armed.

The Tallahatchie County prosecuting attorney, J. H. Caldwell, summing up the State's case, told the jury they should return their decision without regard to whether the slain man was negro or white.

Acting Judge James McClure told the jury they could return one of four verdicts, including "guilty as charged," which would make the death penalty mandatory.

WIFE'S EVIDENCE

Kimbell's wife followed him to the stand in the same courtroom where two white men were tried and acquitted last September for the "wolf whistle" murder of a negro, Emmett Till. Mrs. Kimbell testified that her husband, returning home the night of the slaying, told her he had been wounded at the station where Melton was employed. Dr. Paul Googe testified that he treated Kimbell for a shoulder wound caused by a pistol or knife.

The bullet was not found, Dr. Googe said. Kimbell said the slug ripped his shoulder and came out near his neck.

Kimbell and his wife, who had sat with him through the two-day trial, said they were "overcome" by the verdict.

"I appreciate my many friends who stood by me throughout the trial," said Kimbell.

A member of the jury, who asked that his name be not used, said three members held out for four hours for a manslaughter verdict before coming to a free Kimbell—United Press.

TITO PLANS TIGHTER CONTROL

(Continued from Page 1)

In the six years from 1950 to 1955, 273,464 had been expelled.

He criticised Communist party members for "inactivity, passiveness and lack of initiative" and said the party should show more opposition to the squandering of public funds. He was reporting to the first meeting of the Yugoslav Party Central Committee for 16 months and declared money was spent on unnecessary business trips abroad, parties and social evenings, celebrating minor anniversaries and "giving large funds for football."

He also called on Communists to react strongly against opinions sometimes expressed that Marxism was out of date. —Reuters.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't any of the modern authors ever write about a murderer who isn't a hoodlum?"

Nasser Not Afraid Of Red Domination

New York, Mar. 13.

Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt tonight ruled out Russia or Communism as the "immediate danger" in the Middle East.

He said "the immediate danger is Western domination—Western colonialism" and the "sort of a menace" from Israel.

The Egyptian leader made these points in a television interview with Columbia Broadcasting System's reporter Edward T. Murrow. The interview, filmed in Cairo, was broadcast on the CBS network here under the title "See it now—Egypt—Israel."

"You are speaking about the danger which we don't feel—the Russian... aggression or domination," Nasser told Murrow. "We want to get rid first of all of the danger which we are facing... Western domination, Western colonialism."

Nasser chided the United States for backing its Western allies against the nationalistic aspirations of colonial peoples.

"You are an ally to England and France and you are supporting England and France and we feel sometimes that you neglect our interests. You neglect our national aspirations in order to please your ally," he said.

"NO CHOICE"

"You have arranged to buy arms from Czechoslovakia," Murrow asked Nasser. "Are you not afraid that this will make you dependent on the Communist countries for spare parts and for technicians and that this may eventually influence your policy?"

"We were put in a position in which we had no choice at all," Nasser said. He recalled how repeated requests by Egypt for arms were refused by the Western powers and how he was having "nightmares" from the Israeli military threat.

"Well, you speak with me and you ask now about being tied up with them (the Russians), about the spare parts and so on... we have to depend on them for some spare parts, and the only solution for that... to give us the opportunity to have supplies from you so as not to be under the domination of any side."

"If there is something to be done in order to keep peace in this area we think it must be done by the United Nations itself," Nasser said.

"NOT EASY"

Murrow asked Nasser whether he believed the Israeli army could reach Cairo in four hours, as had been variously reported in many newspapers several months ago.

"Well, I think we have to fight for our security and for our territory. We have to defend ourselves. It is our duty to stand against any aggression, I think it is not easy for them (the Israelis) to get to Cairo," Nasser replied.

Nasser rejected Murrow's question whether it was true that according to some of Egypt's critics Nasser wanted to keep the Israeli dispute alive to appease nationalistic emotions in Egypt.

POINT OF VIEW

"We have to defend ourselves against aggression and I think it is not fair to say about those who want to defend themselves against aggression that they want to raise a problem," Nasser said.

Star Ferries Carried More Passengers Last Year

INCREASED WORKING ACCOUNT BALANCE

The Star Ferry Company were able to report increased traffic and higher revenue for the past year when the annual general meeting was held this morning.

The chairman, Mr H. D. M. Barton, disclosed that last December the ferries carried the highest monthly total of passengers since the re-occupation of the Colony 10 years ago. Total for the year was just over 35,000,000.

He said that owing to the existing uncertainty about the cross-harbour tunnel project, the company had had to postpone building of two new ferries originally scheduled to be put in hand this year.

The Board recommended a final dividend of \$5.50, making \$9 for the year, and a cash bonus of \$2 per share.

The chairman's printed statement read:

I am pleased to state that, financially, the year 1955 was a satisfactory one for the Company.

It is, however, a matter of regret that I am still unable to give you any information on the project which, as your Chairman stated last year, may have an adverse effect on our future operations. I refer to the proposed cross-harbour tunnel. At the last annual meeting you were advised that until a decision was reached by Government on this project it would not be prudent to go ahead with our programme of capital expenditure. Although a year has passed no information has been forthcoming and your Directors have therefore had no option but to postpone the building of the two new vessels originally scheduled for construction in 1956. This is to be regretted.

As the company has not entered into further heavy financial commitments until we know where we stand, we trust that Government will make known its intention in this matter at an early date.

TRAFFIC

Compared with the previous year there was a slight increase in our traffic during 1955 when we carried a total of 35,070,000 passengers in 138,055 crossings of the harbour. The increase accrued during the last quarter of the year and in December contributed to the highest monthly total which we have had since the re-occupation of the Colony over 10 years ago. The average daily load was 95,080 but we reached on one day a maximum load of 130,800. The service was maintained without a break throughout the year, there being no interruptions due to typhoons, and I would like to thank you all for the very excellent services which they have rendered, while on their behalf I would like to express our appreciation of the friendly cooperation which we continue to receive from our many regular passengers.

During the year, with the addition of the "Oriental Star" to our fleet, we had seven vessels in operation and during peak periods were operating three to three and a half minute service. This service is the speediest that can be maintained from the existing piers.

FLEET

During the year under review a further two vessels were constructed, the "Celestial Star" and the "Radiant Star". Both were launched in December and are operating throughout 1956. These vessels were fitted with straight diesel engines and the "Golden Star" also had this type of propulsion machinery installed during the year. When the new vessels are run in it is our intention to dispose of the "Meridian Star" immediately and later on the "Night Star".

Both these vessels are over 30 years old. The fleet will then consist of two diesel electric vessels, three straight diesel and two of the pre-war steam launches.

For the information of shareholders, and of the travelling public, I would mention that our total expenditure, since the re-occupation, on rehabilitation and new construction of our fleet totals \$10,611,000. Under our intention to spend a further \$3,900,000 on another three vessels within the next two years but, as I have explained earlier, this has had to be postponed.

PIERS

Construction of the new ferry piers has commenced on both sides of the harbour and it is hoped that we shall be operating from them early in 1957. I must warn our patrons that from time to time during the construction period there may be some light interference with the service from the Kowloon Pier, but with the full co-operation of the staff of the Port Works Office every effort will be made to keep this to the absolute minimum. Such inconvenience as may be experienced will be quite unavoidable and we crave the indulgence of our customers.

On the new piers, in operation we have every reason to hope there will be no necessity to impose any restrictions on the service during annual repair work which, with the present piers, has been a difficult and expensive operation and the cause of considerable inconvenience to the travelling public.

I wish to record our appreciation of the most helpful co-operation which we have enjoyed throughout from the Officers of the Public Works Department responsible for the design and construction of the new piers.

ACCOUNTS

Due to the increased passenger load our earnings in working account were \$92,000 higher than in 1954 while, despite the addition of another vessel to our fleet, the expenditure showed a nominal increase of only \$37,800. I would mention that the cost of operating straight diesel engines is considerably lower than that for the old steam driven craft, which means that although we shall be operating a larger fleet, the running costs should not show any marked increase.

In the profit and loss account the revenue shows a substantial gain due to a handsome profit on the sale of some of our share investments which were liquidated to help finance the cost of the new craft built during 1955. This sale will mean, of course, that our income from dividends will be down in 1956.

On the other side, while there is a reduction in the royalty payable this is largely offset by an increased depreciation charge arising from additional expenditure on the fleet and the re-assessment of the annual write-off on the old vessels due to be scrapped. There is, however, an overall decrease in outgoings of some \$43,000 and the amount carried to appropriation account, \$1,051,925 is most satisfactory.

CASH BONUS

Your Board recommend that the usual final dividend of \$5.50 per share be maintained, making \$9 for the year, and in view of the substantial profit realised on the sale of investments, that a cash bonus of \$2 per share be paid therefrom. It should be stressed that this special bonus will not be recurrent. They further recommend a transfer to construction reserve of \$500,000 and a provision for corporation profits tax of \$84,055.75, leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$432,654.13. All these proposals are incorporated in the accounts presented and I trust that they meet with your approval.

The Balance Sheet requires no elaboration except in respect of the Notes thereon.

The outstanding commitment of \$224,200 is the final payment due on the "Radiant Star" which had not been handed over at 31st December.

The second note covers a potential commitment which may arise if your Directors decide to proceed with the construction of staff quarters. You were advised last year that this project was to be carried out during 1955 but the site which was expected to be available was not vacated and so far no indication has been received from the responsible authorities as to when it will be free. Apart from that aspect, however, this undertaking, involving as it does considerable capital expenditure, will also have to be carefully reviewed by your Board as soon as the Government has announced its decision on the cross-harbour tunnel project.

Mr. J. Moodie, seconded the adoption of the report and accounts which was carried.

Mr. H. D. M. Barton was confirmed as Chairman of the Board of Directors.



Last week I mentioned that there was the possibility of a female star visiting the Colony. There still is. This week I have more definite news for you. Johnnie Ray is scheduled to arrive here at the end of this month. So far it is not known whether he will be doing a show anywhere, but Ray fans can at least hope to see him in person.

He may also be asked to do a broadcast during his stay here and I can well imagine that if this takes place the studio audience will be just about the biggest ever.

Whilst on the subject of Mr. Ray, it struck me the other day, when listening to one of his newest releases, how much his style has changed since the lament of all laments, "Cry". Nowadays he sings in what is almost a normal voice and shows all the signs of showmanship which have taken him to the top. Whether you like his style or not you must surely admit that Johnnie Ray knows how to sell a song.

MEET MR DUFFY

A present visitor to Hongkong is Ed Gardner. Ed is one of the longest lasting of radio personalities in the States and his "Duffy's Tavern" series has been going steadily, week by week, since 1940. It is one of the few radio shows to make the transition from radio to television and even during this trip that Ed is making the show good. He is making a series of 39 episodes before leaving America and the public are seeing them now.

Ed is also interested in making his own films and has already made one in Puerto Rico. He is examining the possibility of doing one here, but there is nothing definite.

Ed Gardner is just what you would expect, amiable, humorous and with a fund of stories. A pity that his "Duffy's Tavern" shows are not heard in Hongkong. Incidentally, he can be heard on Radio Hongkong this evening at nine minutes past seven.

ODDS AND ENDS

As mentioned last week, "Holiday on Ice" has crossed the harbour and can now be seen in Kowloon. If you have been meaning to go but were put off by the distance involved, take this opportunity because it is a good show and will not be showing in Kowloon for quite a long time as it did at the Football Club.

There should be a great big demand for a record of the music from "Guys and Dolls" after the premiere of the film on April 9. The one and only Sam Goldwyn will be making a personal appearance at the theatre and the whole proceedings will be filmed for MGM with interviews with local celebrities attending the show. Here is a chance for Hongkong to show that it can stage a major event. Let's hope the chance is taken and Sam Goldwyn is not disappointed.

LOCAL FILM MUSIC

I was able to hear, a day or two ago, the theme music for the film "Mandarin's Bowl." This is the English language film which has been produced locally and with local stars and the music was specially composed for the sound track. The recording, I heard was a good one, but was clear enough to show that the melody is good and the singing, by Estelle, well up to standard.

The producer of the picture will be setting off on a selling tour as soon as the final touches have been put to the film and he has hopes of having some success with the theme song in the "Hit Parade" stakes. He has stated that sheet music will be made and is negotiating for the pressing of a disc. Let's wish him luck in the first "hit" ever to have been born in Hongkong. The title "Mandarin's Bowl" and the lyrics refer to the Peak and the place found in its shadow.

TALE-PIECE

At Marlon Brando's press conference yesterday he was asked about his singing in "Guys and Dolls" and he said that he was not a singer. He was then asked whether he would be in Hongkong for the film and he answered that he would. The next day after mention was made of the fact that Sam Goldwyn would be here, he was asked if he was to be here for the premiere and he said that he was not being here at the time.

In fact, his voice is not bad and in case you hear otherwise, you have Marlon Brando's statement to vouch for the fact that it is his own voice and not a dubbing of someone else's.

TODAY'S POLICE REPORTS

A four-year-old boy, Hung I ng-shung, died on Monday afternoon as a result of injuries received in a traffic accident the previous day.

The boy, living in an unnumbered hut near Tai Hang Road, sustained serious injuries when he was knocked down by a private car in Tai Hang Road at 2 p.m. on Sunday. He was removed to hospital and died the following afternoon.

KNOCKED DOWN

A collision between a private motor car and a cyclist occurred at the junction of Yen Chow Street and On Chau Street, Shamshuipo, at 9.50 p.m. yesterday.

The cyclist, Chiu Ping-kuang, aged 18 of 1135 Shek Kip Mei New Village, received minor injuries and was treated in hospital.

GIRL INJURED

A cyclist collided with a 17-year-old girl who was walking in Queen's Road Central, near the Central Theatre, at 8 a.m. yesterday.

The pedestrian, Ching Ying, of 25, Kung Yuen Lane, first floor, sustained serious injuries and was removed to hospital, where she is now detained.

VICTIMISED

A pickpocket stole a quantity of cash from a Chinese woman passenger on a tram car near the Central Market at 3.50 p.m. yesterday.

Sues For Divorce

Berlow, Fla. Mar. 13.

John F. (Shipwreck) Kelly has filed suit for divorce from his wife, former glamour queen Brenda Frazier Kelly, Court records showed today.

Kelly, a former football star, charged that his wife deserted him on March 6, 1952, and had not returned.—United Press.

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